

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration of this application, as amended.

Claims 1-60 have been cancelled, which renders the rejection directed against these claims moot, and Applicant reserves the right to pursue this subject matter in one or more divisional or continuation application. New claims 61-64 have been added. Support for these new claims can be found, at least, in Paragraphs [116] – [121] and Figures 1 and 2 of the Specification.

Applicant notes with appreciation the courtesies extended to Applicant's representatives by Examiner Fox during the in-person interview conducted at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on January 5, 2010. Applicant's representatives proposed new claims 61-64. The Examiner agreed that the newly proposed claims will overcome the outstanding rejections. See, Interview Summary, January 5, 2010.

Accordingly, Claim 61 is allowable over the cited references. Dependent claims 62-64 depend from independent claim 61 and are patentable over the cited references. Thus, Applicant respectfully solicits the allowance of new claims 61-64.

A petition for a two-month extension of time is submitted concurrently herewith. Please charge the two-month extension fee of \$490.00 to deposit account no. 50-2036 with reference to our Docket No. 77191.21900. Please charge any fee deficiencies or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-2036.

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